In memory of Professor Andrzej Ziabicki 1933-2019



No words are adequate to express the sadness we feel about the loss of Professor Andrzej Ziabicki on 14.03.2019. Professor Andrzej Ziabicki was a researcher at IPPT PAN as an Associate Professor and Professor at the Polymer Physics Laboratory and as Laboratory Manager.

Previously he managed the studio of the Research Department of the Institute of Synthetic Fibres in Gorzów Wielkopolski. Moreover he was the head of the Laboratory of Polymer Physics at the Institute of General Chemistry in Warsaw and lecturer at the Department of Biophysics of the University of Warsaw. He was a visiting professor at the Universities of Kyoto and Palermo.

In 1980 Professor Ziabicki was a co-organizer of NSZZ PNTiO and representative of NSZZ PNTiO at the founding meeting of Labour Union "Solidarity" ("Solidarność") in Gdańsk. In 1980-1981 he was a member of the Central Committee of IPPT PAN and was a participant at the negotiations of representatives of "Solidarity" with the leadership of the Polish Academy of Sciences. In 1981-1989

Professor was a member of the TKZ at IPPT PAN, and in 1982-1989 he was a member of the Social Science Committee. In 1989, Professor participated in a Round Table discussions as an advisor in the Science Division.

We would like to express our sincere condolences on the death of Professor Ziabicki. We would like to say farewell to an eminent scientist in the field of basic research on the structure, elasticity and rheology of polymers, the physics of fibre formation, crystallisation and molecular orientation, and the diffusion theory of nucleation. Professor Andrzej Ziabicki published over 300 works in leading scientific journals. The Professor is the author and co-author of several books on fibre formation.

He was a member of a number of scientific societies and editorial offices, including the long-term Chairman of the Scientific Board of FIBRES & TEXTILES in Eastern Europe. He was awarded the Knight's Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta, a medal of the Polish Chemical Society, as well as medal of the Smith Textile Institute. Moreover he was a teacher of scientific staff and promoter of a number of doctoral theses.

Professor Andrzej Ziabicki will live on in our memories forever.

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